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THIS ISSUE: BACK TO SCHOOL

<http://michigan.gov/lmtimelytopics>

Welcome

Now that Michigan students of all ages have returned to their classrooms we felt it was time to focus on information resources for educators, administrators, and those who make education policy decisions.

Resources Spotlight

The following web sites provide reliable information on hot topics in education.

Charter Schools

The Education Policy Center at Michigan State University
<http://www.epc.msu.edu/publications/publications1.htm>
provides multiple PDF research papers on charter schools and other education topics.

Home Schooling

Home Schooling: A to Z Home's Cool
<http://homeschooling.gomilpitas.com/>
is a comprehensive directory of resources and links for home schoolers in all states.

Rankings

U.S. News Annual College Rankings at
<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm> allows users to pick the best schools based on several different criteria.

Standard & Poor's School Evaluation System

<http://www.ses.standardandpoors.com/>
allows comparisons of K-12 districts in Michigan and several other states on various criteria.

State by State Analyses

The Education Commission of the States (ECS) <http://www.ecs.org/> offers clipping services, publications comparing state education topics, and several searchable databases.

Statistics

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) <http://nces.ed.gov/> provides a current and historical statistics on both K-12 and post-secondary institutions.

Library of Michigan Resources on Education

Several bibliographies of Library of Michigan resources on education topics may be found at
http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18897---,00.html. When you find an article or a book on one of these bibliographies that addresses an area of particular interest, clicking on any of the subject headings at the bottom of the record will bring up additional resources on the same topic.

MeL News



MeL has added a new pathfinder featuring links to help students, teachers and parents get back into the swing of the school year. Take a peek at
<http://mel.org/allpathfinders.jsp>



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Database Spotlight

The ERIC Education Resources Center recently underwent dramatic reorganization, eliminating clearinghouse functions such as ERIC Digests, Ask ERIC, E-subscribe and microfiche services. Now the Institute of Education Sciences is focusing on the **ERIC Database** of journal and non-journal education literature. The new **ERIC Database** promises faster updates, improved searchability and expanded full text offerings this fall. Access **ERIC** at <http://www.eric.ed.gov> or via the Michigan eLibrary at <http://www.mel.org>

Michigan Education Fun Facts

Cost of K-12 Education: In 1840, Michigan school district taxes raised \$59,126, a little over \$1.00 apiece for the state's 47,901 students. Using an inflation calculator, this works out to about \$20 per student in today's currency. In 2002/03 the state average expenditure per each of our 1,750,631 public school students was \$7,907.

Largest Michigan College: Michigan State University ranked 8th of the nation's degree-granting institutions in 2003 with an enrollment of 43,366. Its 2004 enrollment exceeded 44,000.

Most Scholars: Between 1973 and 1985, Michigan State University produced 10 Rhodes Scholars, more than any other public university in the U.S.

Oldest College: Catholepistemiad, which opened in Detroit in 1817, was Michigan's first university, as well as the first in the entire the U.S.A. In 1821 the institution name was changed to University of Michigan, and in 1841 the school moved to Ann Arbor.

Oldest High School Graduate: Jessie Byram of Madison Heights completed high school at the age of 98, having dropped out of school after tenth grade in 1883.

Youngest Gubernatorial Appointee: In 1984, Monica McClendon, a 13-year old freshman at Lansing Sexton High School, was appointed to a newly formed statewide Committee on Juvenile Justice.

Michigan Education Facts from the U.S. Census 2000:

- Most educated county: Washtenaw County, where 91.5 % of residents age 25 and over had completed high school or a higher level of educational attainment.
- Least educated county: Lake County, where 72.2 % of residents age 25 and over had completed high school or a higher level of educational attainment.
- An average 86.2% of all Michigan residents age 25 and over completed high school or high school equivalency.
- 23% of all Michiganians age 25 and over had Bachelor's degrees or a higher level of educational attainment.



A Note to Our Users: New ANSWER

You may have noticed the new look of our Library of Michigan ANSWER catalog <http://www.michigan.gov/hal> (click on ANSWER). Or perhaps you have seen Library of Michigan records displayed in MSU's MAGIC catalog

<http://magic.msu.edu/>

The reason for these phenomena is that the Library of Michigan and Michigan State University recently unveiled their new shared catalog. Read more about this project at

http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18896_20585-99904--,00.html